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In re Application of)
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Title: FLEXIBLE PRESS COVER AND)
SHOE PRESS ROLL WITH SUCH A)
FLEXIBLE PRESS COVER)

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A copy of each of the documents is enclosed.

Patent Document No. DE 3546650 C2, DE 29702362 and DE 19633543 are each discussed in the specification of the present application.

German Patent Document DE 33 38 487 A1 discloses the press roll (1) contains a roll shell (6) which is made of an easily deformable material, for example rubber or plastic, and which is rotatable about a fixed mount (5) and intended for cooperation with a counter roll (2). The roll shell (6) is guided with its inner surface in the region of the pressing point on the mount (5) over at least one concave support surface (12) deviating from the circular cylindrical form of the inner surface of the roll shell (6), which support surface permits a local deformation of the roll shell (6) for adaptation to a circumferential part of the counter roll (2). The ends of the roll shell (6) are connected in a sealing manner with in each case one round cover (16) mounted to be rotatable on the mount (5). This sealing connection contains an annular element (support ring 17) extending over the circumference of the cover (16), which is made, for example, of rubber-elastic material and which upon rotary movement of the roll shell (6) permits an adaptation of its edge part to the shape of the roll shell (6) deviating from the circular shape at the pressing point. This results correspondingly in a



guide guidance and sealing of the roll shell (6), which is largely relieved, in particular of forces acting in the axial direction.

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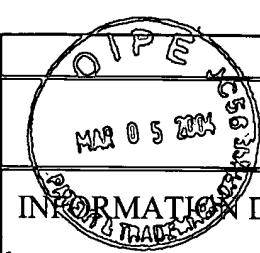
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